The words you are looking for – and their meanings

God – Christians believe in God and come to church to pray to God
Jesus – Jesus is the Son of God
Mary – Mary is the Mother of Jesus
Crypt – an underground part of the cathedral where Monks used to have some of their services
Pulpit – the pulpit is a small tower (often wooden) where the priest can be seen and heard
Aisle – the aisle is a passage way between the chairs
Altar – the table where the priest blesses the bread + wine at the Communion / Eucharist service
Chapel – a chapel is a room for prayers and services in a big church or cathedral
Lady Chapel – the Lady Chapel is a chapel where people particularly think about Mary
Pillar – the cathedral is held up by the pillars
Arch – the arches are the curves between the pillars
Candle – candles are often lit during services and when people pray
Font – the font is where people are baptised (christened)
Cathedra – this is the Bishop’s throne – the reason why this church is called a cathedral
Cross – the cross reminds us of Jesus’ death on the cross to save mankind
Statue – there are often statues of Jesus, Mary and important saints in churches
Hassock – hassocks are small cushions for kneeling
Stained Glass – stories about Jesus and the saints are shown in stained glass windows
Nave – the nave is the main part of the cathedral, the biggest “room”
Fresco – a fresco is a picture painted on the wall (on wet “fresh” plaster)
Quire – the quire is where the choir sits to sing at services
Choir – the choir sings beautiful music during services
Lectern – the lectern is a bookstand for the bible
Bible – the bible is the book of the Christian story
Priest – the priest is the person who leads the services
Green men – the green men are a very old symbol meaning new life
Bell – bells ring in churches to call people to prayer

Now use this plan to try and find some of the things you have marked on the previous page

Well done. There are lots of other trails for you to try at Rochester Cathedral. Do come and see us again another time.